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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Compulsory School Attendance

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5052-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 415, §21, is amended to read:

3. Duties. The duties of an attendance coordinator shall include, but are not be limited to, the following:

- A. When notified by a principal that a student's attendance is irregular, interviewing the student and the parent or parents or guardian or guardians to determine the cause of the irregular attendance and file a written report with the principal;
- B. Filing an annual report with the superintendent summarizing school year activities, findings and recommendations regarding truants; ~~and~~
- C. Serving as a member of the dropout prevention committee in accordance with section 5103; ~~and~~
- D. Serving as the liaison between the school and the local law enforcement agency in matters pertaining to student absenteeism under sections 5001-A and 5051-A.

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